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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner. All the rejected claims (1-56) are appealed. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$250.00 for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

A Petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed, which extends the due date of this paper to November 15, 2005.

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Please charge the required fees for the Notice of Appeal and the Petition for a one-month extension of time and any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

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